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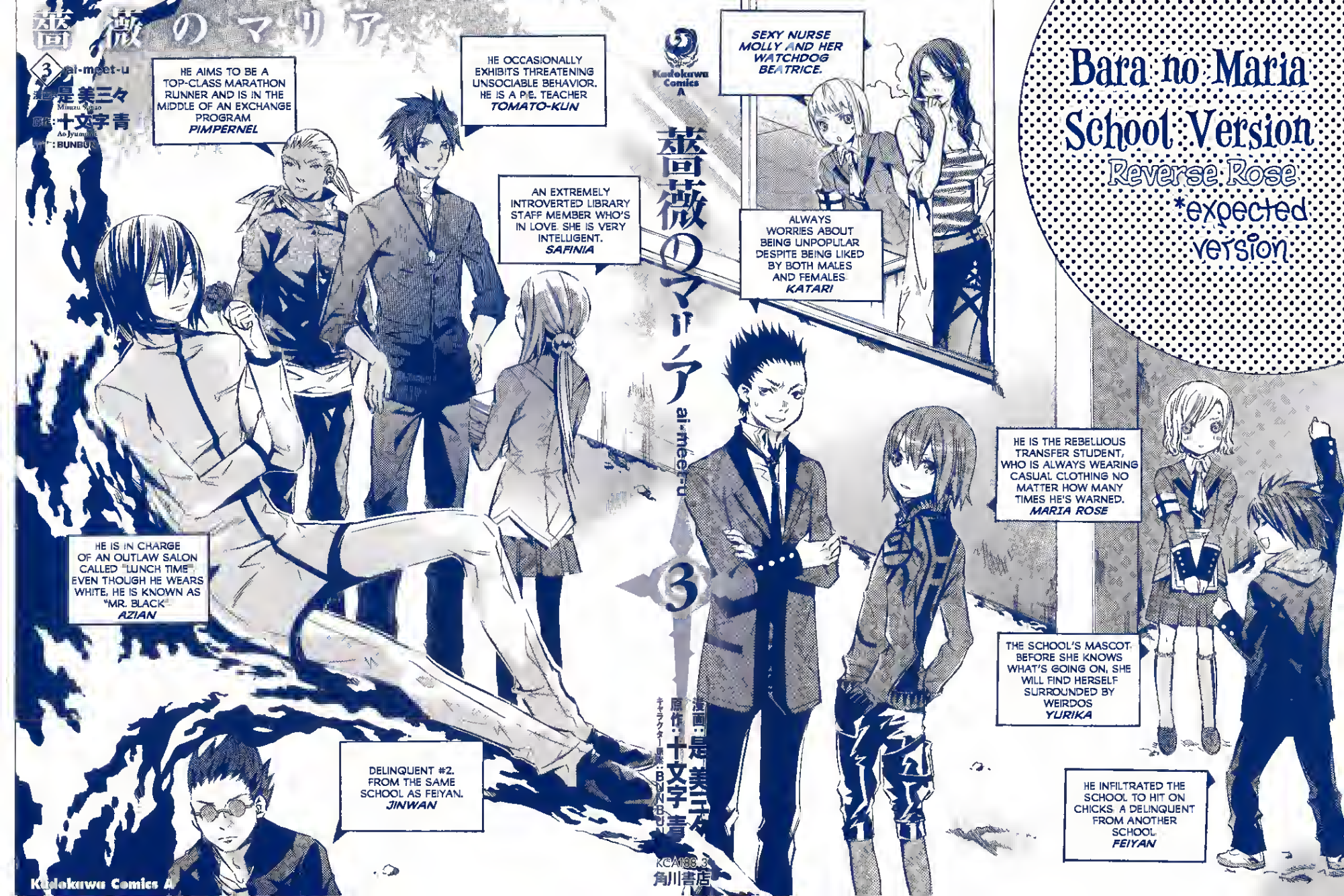
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PIMPERNEL
HE OCCASIONALLY EXHIBITS THREATENING UNSOCIABLE BEHAVIOR. HE IS A P.E. TEACHER
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AN EXTREMELY INTROVERTED LIBRARY STAFF MEMBER WHO'S IN LOVE. SHE IS VERY INTELLIGENT.
SAFINIA
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AZIAN
DELINQUENT #2. FROM THE SAME SCHOOL AS FEIYAN.
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ALWAYS WORRIES ABOUT BEING UNPOPULAR DESPITE BEING LIKED BY BOTH MALES AND FEMALES
KATARI
Bara no Maria
School Version
Reverse Rose
*expected version
HE IS THE REBELLIOUS TRANSFER STUDENT, WHO IS ALWAYS WEARING CASUAL CLOTHING NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES HE'S WARNED.
MARIA ROSE
THE SCHOOL'S MASCOT. BEFORE SHE KNOWS WHAT'S GOING ON, SHE WILL FIND HERSELF SURROUNDED BY WEIRDOS
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IT FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN A WHILE, BUT...
TODAY, WE'LL BE DOING OUR NORMAL JOB
WHICH IS, TO ENTER AN UNDER-GROUND DUNGEON
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SORRY ABOUT THAT!
MAKING YOU COME ALL THIS WAY FOR ME...

THE MYSTERIES OF FISH
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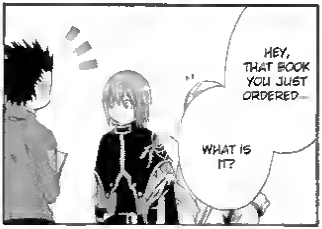
HEY, THAT BOOK YOU JUST ORDERED...
WHAT IS IT?

—
A GUIDE ON HOW TO BECOME A PART OF YOUR FAMILY?
IDIOT!
THE FISH ECOLOGY IS LIKE A TREASURE TROVE OF MYSTERIES!
Don't cloud your eyes!! Hmph becoming a part of my family indeed...
FOR AN INTELLECTUAL ADVENTURER SUCH AS MYSELF IT'S STIMULATING!
IT EVEN INCLUDES HIDDEN HINTS ON THE APPLICATION OF ALCHEMY!
LET ME GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE...
How's this any different from what you used to wear?
It suits you very well!
Does it look good?
WHATEVER NOT INTERESTED
THE TWO OF US TOOK A DETOUR FOR A BOOK LIKE THIS...
WELL THEN... LET'S GO... TO DI...
AND MEET UP WITH TOMATO-KUN AND THE OTHERS

I HEARD THAT THERE WERE SOME WEIRD STUFF GOING ON OVER AT D1.
SURE, BUT RIGHT NOW...
This r...ld... it c...mmates... right?
IT'S PROBABLY JUST SOME OPTICAL ILLUSION BY A MASTER ARTIST OR SOME-THING
THERE'S AN ENTRANCE THAT YOU CAN SEE BUT CAN'T ENTER
IMAGE

YOU THERE
THE UNFOR-TUNATE LOOKING YOUNG GIRL

WHAT?! DOES HE HAVE A SUPER DRAWING ABILITY?
YOUR IDEA IS TOO FAR-FETCHED.
You sure are flexible.

I'LL HAVE A LOOK AT YOUR FORTUNE FOR YOU
FOR 3000 DOLLARS PER TWENTY MINUTES
MM...!!! YOU!!!
JUDGING BY YOUR FACE, YOU MUST HAVE HORRIBLE LUCK WITH MEN!!!
...ERR... UMM...
I'M...
I'M NOT A WOM—
In fact, they're entwined!
EVEN WITHOUT SAYING THAT, WE ALREADY KNOW IT'S HORRIBLE!
SORRY, BUT WE'RE IN A HURRY RIGHT NOW—

FUFU... THAT'S TRUE
YOU SEEM TO ATTRACT... THE WEIRDEST MEN DON'T YOU...
YOU'RE GOING TO GET HIM MAD SAFINIA
Ouch Ow! Ow!
ESPECIALLY A CERTAIN SOMEONE FROM "LUNCH TIME".
PLAYING INTO THE HANDS OF THAT COMPLETE WEIRDO,
IT CAN'T JUST BE BECAUSE OF HIS PREFERENCES
THERE MUST HAVE BEEN SOME EVENT THAT STARTED ALL THIS

THE START OF ALL THE STALKING...
THERE'S STILL... TIME BEFORE... WE REACH... D1...
I, TOO... WOULD LOVE TO... HEAR IT...

IT'S NOTHING SPECIAL
IT WAS JUST LIKE ANY OTHER DAY
IT ALL STARTED

EXACTLY ONE YEAR AGO.
BEFORE I ENTERED ZOO...
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BACK WHEN I WAS STILL
WORKING SOLO AS A CRACKER...
I worked hard the whole day and this is all I got.
Oh...
I PROTECTED MYSELF WITH A BARBED WALL.
"TRUST ONLY YOURSELF".
YOU'RE ANNOYING. GET LOST.
YOU'RE CUTE. WANT TO COME ON A RAID WITH ME?

IN THE UNDER-GROUND FILLED WITH RUFFIANS,
IF YOU DON'T STAY SHARP, YOU WON'T SURVIVE.
BUT, EVEN SO
YO.
Ohhh what a cute-
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
ON THAT DAY,
I CHOSE THE WRONG FERSON TO FISS OFF

HE
HEHE HE
How funny!
WHAT DO I WANT, YOU ASK?
AH, CRAP
THOSE EYES... ! THESE GUYS
ARE JUNKIES!
LE
LET GO...!
Yahoo~ Strip Strip~
Money~ Money~

I'M TELLING YOU... TO...
STOP...

PLE... PLEASE...

STOP...

STO...
STOP...

HUH?!
XXXX— RIGHT?
WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY? IS HE A KID?
EH?
HMM,
FOUR GROWN MEN RAPING A GIRL

UH?
UMM...
WHO?
HUH?
WHILE IT DOES SEEM LIKE IT'S FUN
IT'S NOT VERY TASTEFUL
HIS COLD SKIN FELT AS IF HE HAD NO FLESH NOR BLOOD
AND HIS THIN, BLUE EYES
...MADE HIM LOOK LIKE AS IF HE WAS A DOLL
THAT WAS MY FIRST IMPRESSION OF HIM...
!

DON'T MIND ME
I'M JUST PASSING BY.
I HAD NO INTENTION OF BEING ANYTHING MORE THAN JUST A CURIOUS ONLOOKER.
AARG GHHH!!
AH?!
FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU WHO DOESN'T EVEN SPEAK A HUMAN LANGUAGE AND JUST RESORTS TO VIOLENCE,
ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT BE A BIT LATE TO SAY THIS, BUT...
I GUESS IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING.
UGH!

BL... BLACK...
SO, NEXT TIME
YOU TRY IT, I'LL KILL YOU
BUT I HAVE NO OBLIGATION TO HOLD BACK AGAINST JUNKIE RAPISTS
IT'S NOT LIKE I INTEND TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR PREFERENCES...
YOU'D BE BETTER OFF NOT PICKING A FIGHT WITH ME...
TORN DARK CLOTHING...
THIN BLUE EYES... NO WAY...
CARNAGE DOLL...!!!
?
"CARNAGE" WHAT'S THAT?

MY, MY
HOW HEARTLESS LEAVING BEHIND YOUR COMPANION LIKE THAT
EVEN THOUGH I WENT THROUGH ALL THAT TROUBLE OF NOT KILLING THEM FOR YOU
SO UMM...
I REALLY WAS JUST PASSING BY, AND
IT JUST HAPPENED TO TURN OUT THIS WAY BUT...
HOW SHOULD I PUT THIS... IN OTHER WORDS ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

THIS MIGHT SOUND RUDE, BUT...
SOMEONE BEAUTIFUL LIKE YOU WOULD HAVE FETCHED A HIGH PRICE...
THERE'S ALSO THE POSSIBILITY THAT YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN SOLD OFF AFTER THE DEED WAS DONE...
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF MAKING YOU REPAY ME
YOU WERE IN A PRETTY BAD SITUATION
TO BEGIN WITH, YOU WERE TOO CARE-LESS
FOR A GIRL SUCH AS YOURSELF TO BE ALL ALONE...
WORST CASE SCE-NARIO YOU COULD'VE BEEN RAPED AND KILLED AFTER-WARDS, YOU KNOW?

AS IF I'D BE ALL RIGHT...

His clothes are what you'd expect from a stereotypical exhibitionist!
THIS GUY MIGHT JUST BE...
A BEAST WHO KILLED ANOTHER BEAST!
THERE'S NO NEED TO STARE AT ME WITH THAT EXPRES-SION.

WHO ARE YOU CALLING A GIRL?
CORRECT YOURSELF
HUH?
HEY...
WHAT DID YOU SAY JUST NOW?
EH? I WAS SAYING FOR A GIRL, SUCH—
AH!
ERM...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WHO"—?
AH... YOU!
GET YOUR EYES CHECKED, YOU WORTHLESS JERK!
SOMEONE LIKE YOU SHOULD JUST DIE! DIE A HUNDRED TIMES OVER, AND JUST KEEP DYING!
I'M NO GIRL!!!
LIKE HELL I AM!!
BUT NO WAY YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?

AFTER THAT ABSOLUTELY HORRIBLE ENCOUNTER...
SEVEN DAYS LATER...
Th's doesn't seem like the reason for stalking at all...
Just wait. There's more to it!

I JUST HAPPENED TO HAVE THIS URGE TO
GO TO THE LIZARDMEN'S DEN DARNAM LANE
AND WHEN I WAS SO ABSORBED IN HUNTING LIZARDMEN...
!

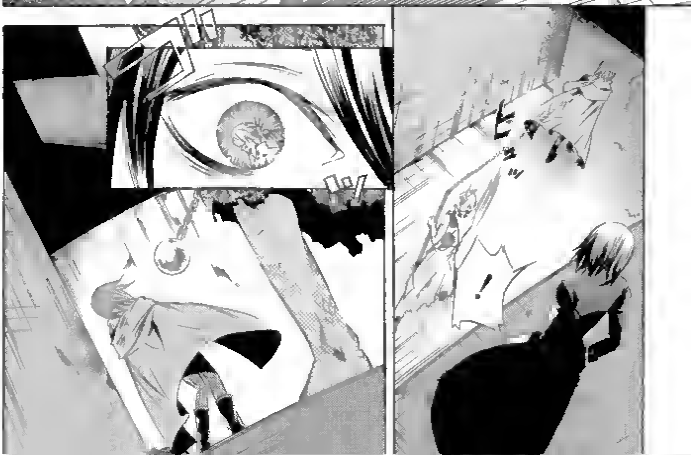
THIS TIME, EVERYTHING WENT TOO WELL,
AND I LET MY GUARD DOWN
..THANK GOD!
WITH THIS I'LL BE ABLE TO LIVE IN EASE FOR A MONTH!
ホッ

PROFIT BEFORE YOUR EYES LEAVES YOU VULNERABLE
SOMETHING LIKE THAT
IS COMMON SENSE FOR A CRACKER

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A WHILE, I WON'T BE COUNTING MY CHICKENS BEFORE THEY'VE HATCHED
WHOA... WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
SHOULD I SPEND IT TO DO SOME MAINTENANCE ON MY EQUIPMENT? AH, MAYBE I SHOULD BUY A NEW ONE
OK! I BETTER HEAD BACK
OOPS DID I DROP THIS?
HOW DANGEROUS
?
WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

...!!!

I CAN'T TAKE ON THAT MANY ALL AT ONCE!
FOR NOW I SHOULD RUN...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CAN YOU STAND?
SHUT IT.
YOUR JOB IS FINISHED, SWORD
THIS GUY AGAIN —!
YOU ARE...
JUST WHAT
ARE YOU AFTER

OH PLEASE
THIS GUY'S A BEAST, TOO! I'LL GET HIM...
YOU...
EPI-CENTRE AND ALL!
!
THIS PLACE ISN'T GOOD...
You understand, don't you? Since you're not a girl
YOU ARE...

I WON'T DO ANY-THING
IT SEEMED LIKE YOU'D GO CRAZY SO I JUST STOPPED YOUR MOVE-MENTS
JUST... STAY STILL FOR A BIT.
ger'ant.

SORRY, OH...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
BUT--
I'M TELLING YOU...
TO LET GO OF ME!
LET GO
WHAT'S WITH THIS... I DECIDED TO COME TO DARNAM LANE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A WHILE...
AND IT TURNS OUT LIKE THIS... I EVEN GOT SAVED IN THE END
WHY...? I JUST DON'T UNDER-STAND
AND THIS IS THE SECOND TIME TOO. YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME

EVEN THOUGH WE'RE NOT EVEN ACQUAINTED...
I'VE BEEN TELLING YOU THAT I'M NOT AFTER ANYTHING. IT WAS ALL A COINCIDENCE.
...I'M NOT GOING TO THANK YOU.
THAT'S FINE.
I SAVED YOU BECAUSE I WANTED TO.
SHALL I GIVE YOU A HAND?
I DON'T NEED IT.
YOU HAVE NO REASON WHATSOEVER
TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
REASON, HUH.
YOU SURE ARE STUBBORN.
!
HEH.
?
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

IT WAS A COINCI-DENCE. IN OTHER WORDS, IT WAS INEVITA-BLE.
I FELL IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.
DO YOU
NEED ANY MORE REASON THAN THAT?

AND THAT'S ALL
I SEE. SO THAT'S HOW IT IS
...IS IT ALL RIGHT IF I POINT SOMETHING OUT TO YOU?
WHAT IS IT?
Don't just subjectively turn it into a different story!
THE BEGINNING OF YOUR BURNING LOVE...
SO IN THE END, YOU WERE JUST BRAGGING
HOW ROMANTIC...
I can't keep up with this
NO, YOU'RE WRONG THAT WAS JUST THE BEGINNING OF A TRAGEDY

I'd fall for him without any hesitation. He's like a prince!
AZIAN ISN'T A PERVERT AT ALL.
IN FACT, HE'S ACTUALLY PRETTY COOL.
SINCE WHEN... DID HE... BECOME... A PERVERT?
WHAT A QUESTION TO ASK WITH A STRAIGHT FACE...
LET'S SEE
BY THE TIME I HAD MET EVERY-ONE FROM ZOO, IT WAS ALREADY BEYOND THE POINT OF NO RE-TURN
There's nothing soft attached to me!
Ooh, there's something soft press-ing against my back
THE TURNING POINT... WHEN WAS IT?
I MEAN... THAT'S RIGHT.
IF HE WASN'T SUCH A PERVERT...

I WOULDN'T HAVE MET EVERYONE FROM ZOO IN THE FIRST PLACE
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHEN I WAS BEING ATTACKED BY THAT HORNY GUY IN THE STREETS
No, I won't! There's no way I would go stop it!
It's OK, Maria, Soon you'll learn to like it!
YOU OVER THERE, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
BEING SAVED BY HIM AND GETTING TAKEN TO THE OFFICE WAS THE TRIGGER OF OUR MEETING
A sign?
"RECRUITING! Aim for enlightenment! Come on over! We're now taking applications!"
HOW SCARY!! LATE BLOOMING YOUTHS!
on the street?!
WITHOUT... THAT PERVERT... WE... WOULDN'T BE HERE... NOW...
I'll probably spend my youth...
That's... true...
Some kind... of guidance...
CAN WE PLEASE STOP WITH THE SUMMARIZING AND DISTANT GAZES?

THAT'S WHY I DON'T THINK I NEED TO THANK HIM
In the end I've been a victim up until today
YOU...
THE ONE WITH THE RED HAIR.
WHAT'S WITH TODAY?
WHAT IS IT? I HAVE ABSOLUTELY
NO INTEREST IN FORTUNE TELLING AT ALL
AH, SORRY ABOUT THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN.
THERE WAS A FELLOW THAT I'VE BECOME INTERESTED IN
...

JUST UNTIL THE MARK ON YOUR FOREHEAD DISAPPEARS,
IT'D BE BEST FOR YOU TO STAY AWAY FROM DANGEROUS PLACES
YOU'LL BE VISITED BY AN UNBELIEVABLE DISASTER.

AND THEN YOU'LL OFFER ME A POT OR STONE "FOR MY PROTECTION". RIGHT?
THAT'S WHAT THEY ALL SAY
NOT TO MENTION, I'M A CRACKER

COME ON, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
LET'S GO EVERYONE.
AH, BUT MARIA...
IF I STAYED AWAY FROM DANGEROUS PLACES I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO MAKE A LIVING
I KNOW THAT AS CRACKERS
WE HAVE A JOB WHOSE FUTURE IS ALWAYS UNCERTAIN, BUT

I HATE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE GUTS TO IMPOSE THINGS ON OTHERS LIKE THAT...
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT KIND OF PEOPLE?
I MEAN, WHAT MARK WAS SHE TALKING ABOUT ANYWAY?
UMM...
IT'S... ON YOUR FOREHEAD...

AH, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
YOU DO SEEM TO HAVE AN ACNE OR SOMETHING THERE
It's not cleared yet though
EH, NO WAY!
AWW

THAT MARK ON YOUR FOREHEAD*...
IT'S... THE PLACE WHERE... OMENS OF IMPENDING DISASTER... ARE EASY... TO APPEAR...
THE FORTUNE TELLER JUST NOW IS KNOWN... FOR HER ACCURACY...
NO... NO WAY...
I DON'T BELIEVE IN STUFF LIKE THAT...
NO NEED TO GET SO SCARED
I ONLY BELIEVE IN GOOD OUTCOMES...
*technically it's a "determined part" of your forehead where your desires, luck, happiness or unhappiness are all shown
EVERYONE!
Say what?!
That's why you die sometimes

YURIKA!
DID YOU MEET TOMATO-KUN?
WE HAVEN'T MET HIM WHY?
THIS IS SO WEIRD
HE SUDDENLY DISAP-PEARED
SO I THOUGHT HE HAD GONE TO PICK UP YOU GUYS
WHAT HAPPENED LATER ON THAT DAY
WE MADE A SILENT PACT
TO NEVER SPEAK OF IT AGAIN
IT WOULD ONLY LEAD US TO SHARE A HORRIFICALLY TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE

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